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Apr 23, 2002

US-PAT-NO: 6377836

DOCUMENT-IDENTIFIER: US 6377836 B1

TITLE: RF coil array for vertical field MRI

DATE-ISSUED: April 23, 2002

INVENTOR-INFORMATION:

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File: USPT

Mar 11, 1997

US-PAT-NO: 5610520

DOCUMENT-IDENTIFIER: US 5610520 A

TITLE: Automatic orthogonality adjustment device for a quadrature surface coil for magnetic resonance imaging or spectroscopy

DATE-ISSUED: March 11, 1997

INVENTOR-INFORMATION:

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ASSIGNEE-INFORMATION:

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APPL-NO: 08/201862 [PALM]  
DATE FILED: February 24, 1994

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US-CL-ISSUED: 324/318; 324/322  
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ART-UNIT: 225

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ASSISTANT-EXAMINER: Haynes; Mack

ATTY-AGENT-FIRM: Keck, Mahin & Cate

ABSTRACT:

An MRI/MRS magnetic coil system is disclosed wherein the isolation between the coils can be adjusted to decrease or virtually eliminate the coupling between quadrature magnetic resonance imaging coils in order to optimize orthogonality between the coils. The adjustment allows the use of flexible coils which may be conformed to image specific anatomical regions. The RF characteristics of the coils are controlled by variable capacitors. The capacitors are controlled by a remote automatic controller which functions to adjust the RF characteristics of the coils until an optimal orthogonality and signal to noise ratio is achieved between and by

the coils.

28 Claims, 8 Drawing figures

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File: USPT

Mar 30, 2004

US-PAT-NO: 6714013

DOCUMENT-IDENTIFIER: US 6714013 B2

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TITLE: Magnetic resonance imaging receiver/transmitter coils

DATE-ISSUED: March 30, 2004

INVENTOR-INFORMATION:

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ASSIGNEE-INFORMATION:

NAME	CITY	STATE	ZIP CODE	COUNTRY	TYPE CODE
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APPL-NO: 10/151491 [PALM]

DATE FILED: May 20, 2002

PARENT-CASE:

CROSS-REFERENCE TO RELATED APPLICATIONS This application for patent is a continuation of U.S. application Ser. No. 09/776,132, filed Feb. 2, 2001, now issued as U.S. Pat. No. 6,396,273 on May 28, 2002. The '132 application is a continuation of U.S. application Ser. No. 09/512,093, filed Feb. 24, 2000, now abandoned, which is a divisional of U.S. application Ser. No. 08/979,842, filed Nov. 26, 1997, now issued as U.S. Pat. No. 6,040,697 on Mar. 21, 2000. The contents of the aforementioned documents are incorporated herein by reference.

INT-CL-ISSUED: [07] G01 N 3/00

US-CL-ISSUED: 324/318; 324/322

US-CL-CURRENT: 324/318; 324/322

FIELD-OF-CLASSIFICATION-SEARCH: 324/318, 324/322, 324/300, 324/306, 324/307, 324/309, 324/312, 324/314

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ART-UNIT: 2862

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ATTY-AGENT-FIRM: Bradley; Gregory L. Stevenson; James R.

## ABSTRACT:

A magnetic resonance imaging receiver/transmitter coil system for providing images for regions of interest includes a first phased array formed of a plurality of electrically conductive members and defining an array volume and a second phased array formed of a second plurality of electrically conductive members and disposed at least partially within the defined array volume. At least one of the first and second phased arrays is adapted to apply a magnetic field to the defined array volume. At least one of the first and second phased arrays is further adapted to receive said applied magnetic field. The first phased array is extendible to define a further array volume and is provided with a switch for electrically coupling and decoupling an extension to effectively extend the length of the first phased array and thereby define the further array volume. In this manner the length of the first phased array is effectively extended to approximately twice its unextended length.

83 Claims, 7 Drawing figures

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Oct 19, 2004

US-PAT-NO: 6806711

DOCUMENT-IDENTIFIER: US 6806711 B2

TITLE: High-frequency volume coil/surface coil arrangement for a magnetic resonance tomography apparatus

DATE-ISSUED: October 19, 2004

## INVENTOR-INFORMATION:

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## ASSIGNEE-INFORMATION:

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FIELD-OF-CLASSIFICATION-SEARCH: 324/300-309, 324/311, 324/314, 324/318-322, 600/410, 600/422, 333/219, 333/230  
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ART-UNIT: 2859

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ASSISTANT-EXAMINER: Vargas; Dixomara

ATTY-AGENT-FIRM: Schiff Hardin LLP

## ABSTRACT:

High-frequency coil arrangement for a magnetic resonance tomography apparatus and magnetic resonance tomography apparatus employing such an arrangement have a surface coil and a loop coil for enclosing the examination subject. Both coils are fashioned for receiving the same first polarization component. A switching device

is present for alternately deactivating and/or activating the surface coil and the loop coil. The two coils are preferably arranged on a common carrier structure that is bendable.

24 Claims, 7 Drawing figures

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Oct 24, 2000

US-PAT-NO: 6137291

DOCUMENT-IDENTIFIER: US 6137291 A

TITLE: Telescoping coil array for magnetic resonance imaging of extremities

DATE-ISSUED: October 24, 2000

INVENTOR-INFORMATION:

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Kojima; Kryss	Portland	OR		

ASSIGNEE-INFORMATION:

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APPL-NO: 08/914483 [PALM]

DATE FILED: August 19, 1997

PARENT-CASE:

RELATED APPLICATION This application claims priority from our now abandoned provisional application Ser. No. 601,024,138, filed Aug. 19, 1996.

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ART-UNIT: 282

PRIMARY-EXAMINER: Arana; Louis

ATTY-AGENT-FIRM: Klarquist Sparkman Campbell Leigh &amp; Whinston, LLP

## ABSTRACT:

An MR coil array includes a plurality of telescopically arranged coil units, spanning the length of an extremity (e.g. a leg). The coil in each unit encircles the extremity, providing good SNR from all sides and for deep structures as well. The tapered shape of the array conforms generally to the patient anatomy, minimizing sensing distances, further enhancing SNR. A low ratio between the volume

imaged and the aggregate coil conductor length further contributes to high SNR. A multiplicity of tuning capacitors makes the array relatively insensitive to detuning by differently-sized patients. Adjoining coils can be oriented to produce perpendicular magnetic fields, reducing coupling therebetween. An apparatus employing two such coil arrays allows imaging of two extremities at once.

7 Claims, 10 Drawing figures

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TITLE: Single circuit ladder resonator quadrature surface RF coil

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ART-UNIT: 287

PRIMARY-EXAMINER: Arana; Louis

ATTY-AGENT-FIRM: Schwegman, Lundberg, Woessner, and Kluth, P.A.

## ABSTRACT:

A single-circuit quadrature surface coil is formed from two ladder resonator coils and includes a first mode circuit path for detecting or generating magnetic flux in a vertical axis from a body under investigation and a second mode circuit path for detecting or generating magnetic flux in a parallel axis, with the first mode and second mode currents 90 degrees out of phase. The surface coil, which supports two resonance current modes for quadrature operation on only one single coil conductor structure, provides a high signal-to-noise ratio (SNR) and a good B.sub.1

homogeneity over the imaging volume. This coil alone may be used either for both transmitting and receiving RF signals or for detecting RF signals as "receive only." This coil is well suited for imaging the human neck, spine and heart.

17 Claims, 7 Drawing figures

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ART-UNIT: 377

PRIMARY-EXAMINER: Jaworski; Francis J.

ASSISTANT-EXAMINER: Mercader; Eleni Mantis

ATTY-AGENT-FIRM: Antonelli, Terry, Stout & Kraus, LLP

## ABSTRACT:

RF receiving coil device used in a magnetic resonance imaging apparatus capable of acquiring a tomographic image of an object under examination positioned in a static magnetic field along a predetermined direction including quadrature detection coils for detecting an MR signal component along a direction perpendicular to a body axis direction of the object under examination and also perpendicular to a direction of the static magnetic field, and for detecting another MR-signal component along the body axis direction.

24 Claims, 13 Drawing figures

Full	Title	Citation	Front	Review	Classification	Date	Reference			Claims	RMAC	Drawings
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